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Letter dated 16 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

I have the honour to address you, in your capacity as Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, in relation to the attached note verbale dated 25 February 2011, sent to the United States Mission to the United Nations (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Khazaee**
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Annex to the letter dated 16 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to state the following:

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations has been informed that the requested United States entry visa for Mr. Reza Najafi, member of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, has not yet been issued. Given the fact that the meeting will begin on Monday, 28 February 2011, Mr. Reza Najafi would not be able to travel to New York to attend the meeting. Mr. Reza Najafi applied for a United States entry visa well in advance, on 6 January 2011, and therefore, the long delay in processing his request is unjustified and unacceptable.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations expresses its deep concern over the repeated failure of the host country authorities to abide by their legal obligations in accordance with international law, particularly the Headquarters Agreement, to grant entry visas for the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran to attend United Nations meetings. The host country is urged to take the necessary measures to honour its obligations in accordance with the Headquarters Agreement and other relevant international instruments, prevent the recurrence of such failures in the future and ensure the unimpeded entry into the United States of official representatives of Member States.

New York, 25 February 2011